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In re Application of
David Johnston Lynch
Application No. 09/475,449
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed July 2, 2007 under 37 CFR 1.137(b), to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to submit the formal drawings in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed March 8, 2006, which set a statutory period for reply of three (3) months. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on June 9, 2006.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of the formal drawings; (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3210.

This matter is being referred to the Publishing Division for further processing.

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